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Berlin's 406, 407, 408, 413, 415, 416, 420, 421, 422; London's 2219,  
Bonn's 809, 812; Department's 199 and 209 to Berlin; USNMALO 1098;  
Paris' 1847.

Re Berlin's 413. Concur Mission's estimate of East German  
capabilities and intentions.

Re Berlin's 415. Welcome confidence expressed by West Berlin Police  
authorities in their ability cope with flag removal and possible related  
East German mob action. Plans require careful review Western Commandments.

It is US Government position that:

1. All East German flags visibly displayed on or about permanent  
installations (in Zones 1, 2 and 3) in West Berlin should be removed
  - a. by West Berlin police in sufficient force to accomplish mission;
  - b. using only truncheons, fire hose, tear gas, etc., insofar as  
possible;
  - c. using such available additional weapons as may be necessary to  
accomplish mission.

2. Re Bonn

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2. Re Bonn's 809. Concur paragraphs 2B and 2C. SENSITIVE INFORMATION DELETED

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b. US agrees Allied troops must be alerted and ready to assist West Berlin Police if needed. View police confidence ability remove all flags, believe Allied troops visible in vicinity scenes of action should be limited to recon vehicles in radio contact with respective headquarters. Bulk of troops should be alerted in barracks to avoid being provoked into incidents or required defend themselves unnecessarily.

3. Re our 209, Berlin's 422. Draft reply to Soviet Commandant's October 14 note approved.

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View Berlin's 420, 421, 422, clear that Allies agree to following:

- a. removal all visible GDR flags by Berlin Police.
- b. police may use weapons in self defense

c. Western troops must come to aid police only after police reserves have been committed.

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5. On basis available information appears:

a. British agree with U.S. position except as noted in paragraph 4.

b. Appears French in full accord with U.S. position stated above. Embassy Paris please confirm with FONOFF.  
Berlin

6. ~~USDP~~ authorized proceed with planning on basis present level of agreement. Department will endeavor bring British and French to agree to U.S. position stated above.

Defense concurs.

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